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Professor J. C. Cruickshank
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Dear Professor Cruickshank:

Thank you for your endorsement of Dr. Aleck Bernstein as a prospective research assistant in this laboratory. Your advice concurred with everything else I have been told of him, and I am looking forward to his ~~giving~~ joining our group this September.

If I may interject, it is impossible to ~~not~~ develop the utmost regard for your Dipl. Bact. course, judging from those graduates we have seen here. I wish I could say that graduate training in medical bacteriology in this country was consistently of such a high standard. It is of particular concern to me that recent research in the genetics and other aspects of the biology of bacteria seems to have made a deeper impression in training of medical bacteriologists in the United Kingdom than over here.

I need hardly say that we will, in future, be most receptive to applications from candidates who share these interests and background.

Yours sincerely,

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Associate Professor of Genetics